

December 19, 2003

Mr. J. I. Palmer, Jr., Regional Administrator
USEPA, Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Palmer:

As a requirement for continued participation in South Carolina's 8-Hour Ozone Early Action Compact, enclosed you will find the December 2003 Progress Report completed by participating counties and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Enclosure 1 includes the report for DHEC and Enclosure 2 includes the report for each participating county, grouped by the following areas:

Appalachian: Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg
Catawba: Chester, Lancaster, Union, York
Pee Dee: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Marlboro
Waccamaw: Georgetown, Horry, Williamsburg
Santee Lynches: Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, Sumter
Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester: Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester
Low Country: Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper
Lower Savannah: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Orangeburg
Central Midlands: Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, Richland
Upper Savannah: Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, Saluda

The modeling and emissions inventory components of the early action process remain on schedule. Meetings continue to be held with local stakeholder groups to assist in determining the emission reduction strategies that will be included in the final local Early Action Plans due to EPA in March 2004. DHEC has requested assistance from EPA, Region 4 in determining emission reductions from proposed strategies.

Thank you for the assistance and support EPA has provided in this process. We look forward to continuing to work with EPA as we implement measures to achieve cleaner air sooner for South Carolina and our neighboring states. Should you have questions or desire additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Joy, Chief of DHEC's Bureau of Air Quality at (803) 898-4123 or Henry Phillips of his staff at (803) 898-3260.

Sincerely,

R. Lewis Shaw, P.E.
Deputy Commissioner
Environmental Quality Control

Enclosures: 1. South Carolina DHEC December 2003 Progress Report
 2. December 2003 Progress Reports for Participating Local Areas

cc: Kay Prince, EPA Region 4
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